

graph (2) of such subsection (a)) and (f) of title 5.

(3) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including any provision of law referenced in paragraph (1) or (2)), judicial review of any administrative decision under this subsection shall be by appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under section 1296 of title 28.

(Added Pub. L. 104-331, §2(a), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4067.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1997, except that subsec. (a) of this section effective Oct. 26, 1996, see section 471 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 453, 471 of this title; title 28 section 1296.

§ 455. Effect of failure to issue regulations

In any proceeding under section 453(1), if the President, or the designee of the President, has not issued a regulation on a matter for which this chapter requires a regulation to be issued, the administrative agency shall apply, to the extent necessary and appropriate, the most relevant substantive executive agency regulation promulgated to implement the statutory provision at issue in the proceeding.

(Added Pub. L. 104-331, §2(a), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4068.)

§ 456. Confidentiality

(a) COUNSELING.—All counseling under section 452 shall be strictly confidential, except that, with the consent of the covered employee, the employing office may be notified.

(b) MEDIATION.—All mediation under section 452 shall be strictly confidential.

(Added Pub. L. 104-331, §2(a), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4068.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—EFFECTIVE DATE

§ 471. Effective date

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this chapter shall take effect on October 1, 1997.

(b) REGULATIONS.—Sections 411(d), 412(c), 413(c), 414(c), 415(c), 416(c), 421(d), 425(d), 431(c), 431(d), 452(a), and 454(a) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.¹

(Added Pub. L. 104-331, §2(a), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4068.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this Act, referred to in subsec. (b), probably means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 104-331, which enacted this chapter and was approved Oct. 26, 1996.

¹ See References in Text note below.